

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 02 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 03 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 01 Jan 2021 at 10:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showers for weekend, then mainly dry from Monday, becoming low for the detail of the change to more unsettled conditions later Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 02 Jan 2021: Sunshine and scattered snow showers. Severe wind chill at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 02 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	40%	40%	20%	10%	30%	10%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 02 Jan 2021

Weather: Snow showers for Saturday, occasional overnight, quite isolated and light from dawn, mainly focused north of the Black Isle, with most staying dry through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% overnight, from dawn 90% with bases lowering 450-600m in showers.

Visibility: Very good briefly lowering to virtually nil in snow showers.

Forecast for Saturday 02 Jan 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	13/18 NW	14/19 NW	16/22 N	13/17 N	13/17 N	14/18 N	13/17 NE	12/16 NE	12/17 NE
900	13/17 NW	13/17 NW	15/20 N	11/16 N	11/15 N	12/16 N	11/16 NE	10/15 NE	10/15 NE
600	8/13 NW	8/13 NW	10/15 N	7/11 N	6/10 N	7/11 N	6/11 NE	6/10 NE	6/11 NE
300	3/14 NW	2/13 NW	2/15 N	2/12 N	3/12 N	4/13 N	4/13 NE	4/13 NE	4/14 NE
Glen	5/13 N	5/13 N	4/13 N	5/11 NE	4/11 NE	4/9 NE	5/10 NE	5/11 NE	5/11 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-11	-5/-11	-6/-13	-6/-13	-5/-11	-5/-11	-5/-12	-6/-11	-6/-12
900	-5/-11	-4/-10	-6/-12	-6/-12	-5/-10	-4/-10	-5/-10	-5/-10	-5/-11
600	-3/-7	-3/-7	-4/-9	-4/-8	-2/-6	-2/-6	-3/-7	-3/-7	-4/-7
300	-1/-3	-1/-3	-1/-3	-2/-4	-1/-3	-2/-4	-3/-6	-3/-6	-2/-5
Glen	2/-0	2/-0	2/-0	1/-1	2/-0	1/-1	0/-2	0/-2	0/-2
Freezing Level*	200m	300m	200m	100m	200m	200m	100m	200m	200m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe wind chill effect at height.

Forecast for Sunday 03 Jan 2021

Weather: Plenty of weak sunshine and mainly dry, but a few isolated and light wintry showers appearing, mainly restricted to northern ranges.

Maximum wind: Northerly 15-20mph veering Easterly or Northeasterly by evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95% plus with bases generally well broken and above summit level, but briefly lowering 450-600m in showers.

Visibility: Generally very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius increasing plus 3 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Minus 2-4 Celsius
Freezing level: 200m rising 400m